

Intravenous Paracetamol Guideline

Does patient meet following criteria for intravenous paracetamol?

In acute pain and one or more of the following applies:

- Acute vomiting
- High nasogastric aspirates
- Mucositis
- Inadequate gut for effective enteral absorption
- Unsafe swallow with no enteral tube access
- Following one of the approved ERAS (enhanced recovery after surgery) pathways that includes the use of i.v. paracetamol post-operatively
- Acute Pain Service has advised the use of i.v. paracetamol

↓ YES

Does patient weigh $\geq 50\text{kg}$?

↓ YES

Prescribe:
i.v. paracetamol 1g QDS

NO ↓

Prescribe:
i.v. paracetamol 15mg/kg QDS
(max <3g in 24 hr)

NO ↓

Patient not eligible for i.v. paracetamol

Review patient every 24 hours. Paracetamol should be prescribed and given orally when reliable enteral route is available/ERAS pathway dictates